

Thunder Bay, Ontario



The Thunder Bay Casey Kasem Connection

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For those of you who aren't sure who Casey Kasem was a short bit of back ground. He was a very famous American DJ who played the top hits on a weekly radio program airing out of Hollywood and was distributed across the USA and parts of Canada. He also did the voice over's as Shaggy the Dog on the animated program Scooby Doo. For those of you of a certain age, think of Dick Clarke with slightly longer hair. If you wanted to stay abreast of current tunes you needed to listen to Casey. Unfortunately in the last year of his life he developed Alzheimer's and a struggle ensued over his care between his new wife and his children. It was a bit of a tawdry thing.

However when Casey ruled the air waves communications were not as developed as they were now and the internet was just an idea, possibly. So his program was not distributed over the web but was transcribed on to vinyl albums for play back at radio stations across the USA and Canada. Obviously these albums had to be shipped to the radio stations prior to the air date. Here the story is told in the Thunder Bay publication "Bayview Magazine" by author Bill Wrightsell as to how the program made it to Thunder Bay.

The connection to the LARC is that it features local Amateur John, VE3HTM and what he did to ensure the program made it on time to Radio Station, CJLB for airing on Sunday afternoon. John was the "Station Engineer" which meant he fixed the studio equipment, transmitter and probably the leaking roof if it saved a buck.

It's a great read and thanks to Bayview Magazine for publishing it and John, VE3HTM for telling his story. Here is the link:

<http://www.bayviewmagazine.com/content/head-lettuce>

Ham Radio Saves the Day Again Yukon Canada

Last Sunday September 21, 2014, at approx. 21:00hrs PST, VY1MAP (Terry Hauff) called on the local 2 meter repeater -146.880- looking for VY1RF (Ray Fugard).

Terry VY1MAP wanted Ray VY1RF to make a phone call for him as he was not in cell phone range. The situation was that Terry is a member of the local S.A.R. team and they were on an active search for a missing teenager. The command center they had setup was approx 35kms north of Whitehorse YK at Lake Laberge. The satellite phone that they were to use was not functioning so they had no way to call for assistance, additional resources or send status reports.

That's where, once again, amateur radio comes in. Terry, being a ham, goes out to his vehicle and makes contact with Whitehorse via 2 meter amateur radio with VY1RF and VY1RM (Ron McFadyen). They were able to pass important traffic to/from the command center.

The missing young man was found and all ended well. This is the second time in as many months that amateur radio and in particular Y.A.R.A.'s members and infrastructure proved invaluable in an emergency situation.

"Whether it's a natural disaster, major weather event, planned community event, missing person search, we (at RAC) receive numerous reports of amateur radio interventions when traditional communication systems fail. Ham radio is most certainly still relevant and provides a crucial communications back-up option, often in challenging/dire situations." - says Vincent Charron VE3XU, Director of Communications RAC.

(Thanks to Mark Bowers VY1MAB for submitting information)via RAC

Meeting this Thursday October 9th

at Confederation College, McIntyre Building - guest speaker Doug McCormack VE3EFC will give a talk on a password management program called Lastpass.

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ABOUT US

The Lakehead Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is an incorporated not for profit group of amateur radio operators in the Thunder Bay area that meet for self education, community service and fellowship. Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at room 191 McIntyre Building, Confederation College, 7:30 PM. Our postal address is 1100C Memorial Ave. Suite 184, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 4A3. This newsletter is published monthly except for July and August by Ed Baumann VE3SNW and questions and submissions may be emailed to hiqnewsletter@gmail.com

Nets in the Thunder Bay Area

Sunday AMETHYST ARES VHF NET, on VE3TBR 146.820- pl 107.2 IRLP Ref. # 9031 @ 0045Z (7:45 pm), also Cook County ARES Response Team (CARRT) net at 0100Z (8 pm) on the BWARC repeater, Grand Portage repeater - 146.655 with CTCSS 151.4

Monday SATERN NET on VE3TBR 146.820- pl 107.2 IRLP Ref. # 9032

SATERN DIGITAL NETS on **Monday & Wednesday** nights

8 pm- 14.065

9 pm- 7.065

10 pm- 3.5835

Mode :Olivia 8/500 1000Hz waterfall centre

Tuesday 2M/ LARC ARES NET on VE3YQT 147.060- @ 7:00PM ET, and after this net is the new THUNDER BAY ARES DIGITAL NET on PSK31 between 1000 & 2000 WATERFALL 145.050 FM mode @ 7:30PM (usually starts after the 2m/ ares net)

Every Day The NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO ARES NET , every evening at 8:15PM (local) on 80m 3.750Mhz (note the time does not change with daylight savings time.)

Any questions on these or other nets please feel free to contact me at my e-mail: ve3mxj@rac.ca

LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS

VE3YQT(Mount Baldy)147.060 (-600) Phone Patch

VE3TBR (St. Joseph's) 146.820 pl 107.2

**442.075 (+5 MHz)pl 100
 144.390 APRS**

VE3UPP Upsala 145.470 (-600)

September 2014 Treasurers Report

Balance September 1 2014 **\$1,316.07**

Income

Sept 1 Rebate TB Tel Cell Phone \$70.74
 Sept 11 June Through Sept 50/50 \$15.50
 Sept 12 Dues 14 Full, 1 Fam, 1 Assoc \$555.00

Total Income **\$641.24**

Expenses

Sept 8 Bob VE3RVA Gas to / from Hymers \$47.03
 Sept 11 Randy, VA3OJ Field Day Expenses \$156.98

Total Expenses **\$204.01**

Balance September 30, 2014 **\$1,753.30**

<u>Trailer Account</u>		
	Previous Balance	\$785.39
<u>Income</u>		
September 30 Interest		\$0.07
Total		\$785.46
<u>Expenses</u>		
Total Expenses:		\$0.00
	Balance in Trailer Account	<u>\$785.46</u>

Term Account

Balance September 01 2014 \$2,037.15
 September 30 2014 \$0.67
 Balance September 30 2014 \$2,037.82

North East Ontario Regional Directors Report for October, 2014



Amateur radio is a funny thing, many of us have great shacks yet never seem to find the time to wander into them and make a QSO or two. Yet once you have moved like I did recently and had no shack I really wanted to get on the air. It prompted me to run an 18 metre length of wire out and a shorter one as a counterpoise fed out of the wall lying on the ground. And it works; I've got 4 continents, a dozen DX stations and several of the W1AW/x stations. So other than shameless bragging where am I going? Simple with the advent of winter and colder temperatures around the corner if you have not been on the air for a while why not crank up the rig and blow off the summer dust and make a few contacts. If you think you have "been there, done that" try a new mode. Recently I have been puttering with RMS Express and sending email or texts via HF to friends who are not Amateurs. It blows them away. And besides isn't that what the hobby is about, talking to other Amateurs or showing non Amateurs the power of our hobby and experimenting.

One new bit of information out from RAC and Industry Canada in the last month was that IC has accepted RAC's suggestion requesting an allotment (band) of frequencies in the 60 Metre band. In short it proposes two 25 KHz band segments for amateurs: 5 330 - 5 355 kHz and 5 405 - 5 430 kHz. Amateur access would be on a non-interfering, listen before transmit (secondary) basis, a standard operating approach already in force for several other amateur allocations. The complete document can be viewed at: <http://wp.rac.ca/radioamateur-of-canada-proposal-on-international-60m-allocation-accepted-by-industry-canada/>

Another example of how RAC is serving all Canadian Amateurs.

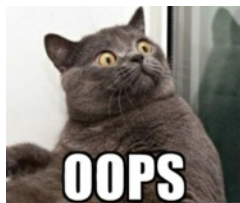
If you want to see how the new web pages are coming along here is a link to make it easy for you: <http://wp.rac.ca/>

I realize I did mention this in my last report but I believe it bears repeating. There is a list of Amateur Clubs in the North East Region. Geoff, VA3GS keeps this info up to date and he is asking that someone from the clubs listed review the information to ensure it is current. Here is a link to the club pages:

https://www.rac.ca/cdn_clubs/region_ontario_no.htm Please help to ensure your club info is current. If you need to update your clubs information a link is provided on that page. Thanks.

If you have any questions or concerns please email me at ve3xt@rac.ca

Bill VE3XT



My apologies ladies and gents, and especially Karl who works so hard to put them together. The minutes of the last meeting ended up in the bit bucket, sucked through a black hole and into an alternate universe and are being read by pan-dimensional beings. But relax....they are ham radio operators too.

.....Ed

October 2014

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 LARC Meeting Con College 1930	10	11 QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party SKCC Week- end Sprinta- thon	12
13 Thanksgiving	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	Nov 1 Split Rock Light House Ukranian DX Contest	